Kim Peter Davy, suspected to have air droped consignments of weapons in Purulia, West Bengal on December 17, 1996, would not be extradited to India; and

(b) if so, what diplomatic channel Government propose to utilize for the trial of Davy in India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) No.

(b) It has been brought to the attention of the Danish authorities at the highest political level.

Double standard of Western Countries on Terrorism

262. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Prime Minister, during his visit to UK in second week of October, aired his feeling that Western Countries were maintaining double standard on terrorism;

(b) whether this issue was raised during his meeting with the British Prime Minister;

(c) if so, the British Prime Minister's reaction thereto; and

(d) the other issues discussed with the British Government and the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI YASHWANT SINHA): (a) and (b) Prime Minister sensitised the UK Prime Minister regarding our concerns on the issue of cross-border terrorism during their meeting on 12 October, 2002.

(c) The British Prime Minister expressed complete understanding about our views.

(d) In addition to a comprehensive review of bilateral ties and the implementation of the New Delhi Declaration, both leaders held wide-ranging discussions on global and regional issues of mutual concern. The British Prime Minister congratulated India on the successful conduct of elections in Jammu & Kashmir and reiterated full support of the UK to India's candidature for permanent membership of the UN Security Council.